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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re:

Bankruptcy Case
19-30088 (DM)

PG&E CORPORATION,

Chapter 11
(Lead Case)

- and -

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
COMPANY,**

(Jointly Administered)

Debtors.

- ☐ Affects PG&E Corporation
☐ Affects Pacific Gas and Electric
Company
☒ Affects both Debtors

** All papers shall be filed in the Lead Case,
No. 19-30088 (DM).*

**SECOND INTERIM ORDER PURSUANT TO
11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a), 363(b), AND 503(b)(9) AND
FED. R. BANKR. P. 6003 AND 6004
AUTHORIZING DEBTORS TO PAY
PREPETITION OBLIGATIONS OWED TO
CERTAIN SAFETY AND RELIABILITY,
OUTAGE, AND NUCLEAR FACILITY
SUPPLIERS**

1 Upon the Motion, dated January 29, 2019 (the “**Motion**”),¹ of PG&E Corporation (“**PG&E**
2 **Corp.**”) and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the “**Utility**”), as debtors and debtors in possession
3 (collectively, “**PG&E**” or the “**Debtors**”) in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the “**Chapter 11**
4 **Cases**”), pursuant to sections 105(a), 363(b), and 503(b)(9) of title 11 of the United States Code
5 (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”) and Rules 6003 and 6004 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure
6 (the “**Bankruptcy Rules**”), for interim and final authority to pay the prepetition claims
7 (the “**Operational Integrity Supplier Claims**”) of certain vendors, suppliers, service providers, and
8 other similar parties and entities that are essential to protecting the public health and safety and
9 maintaining the going-concern value and integrity of the Debtors’ businesses and operations (the
10 “**Operational Integrity Suppliers**”), all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and this Court having
11 jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and
12 1334, *Order Referring Bankruptcy Cases and Proceedings to Bankruptcy Judges*, General Order 24
13 (N.D. Cal.), and Rule 5011-1(a) of the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the United States District Court for
14 the Northern District of California (the “**Bankruptcy Local Rules**”); and consideration of the Motion
15 and the requested relief being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper
16 before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and the Court having found and determined
17 that notice of the Motion as provided to the parties listed therein is reasonable and sufficient, and it
18 appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion
19 and the Wells Declaration (as amended on February 2, 2019 [Docket No. 263]); and this Court having
20 held hearings to consider the relief requested in the Motion on an interim basis; and this Court having
21 previously entered an order granting interim relief with respect to the Motion [Docket No. 213]; and
22 this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause
23 for the relief granted herein; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Motion necessary to avoid
24 immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtors and their estates as contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule
25 6003, and is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, creditors, shareholders and all parties in
26 interest; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court and after due deliberation and sufficient
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28 ¹ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise herein defined shall have the meanings ascribed to such
terms in the Motion.

1 cause appearing therefor,

2 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

3 1. The Motion is granted on an interim basis, as provided herein.

4 2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, pursuant to sections 105(a), 363(b), and
5 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, to satisfy Operational Integrity Supplier Claims, upon such terms
6 and in the manner provided in this Second Interim Order and the Motion; *provided, however*, that the
7 prepetition amounts authorized to be paid pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$60,000,000
8 pending entry of a final order on the Motion (the “**Interim Operational Integrity Supplier Cap**”).

9 3. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to pay the 503(b)(9) Claims of any
10 Operational Integrity Supplier to the extent the Debtors determine it is necessary and appropriate in
11 accordance with the procedures and protocol provided in this Second Interim Order and in the Motion;
12 *provided, however*, any amounts paid by the Debtors in satisfaction of such 503(b)(9) Claims shall not
13 be included in or subject to the Interim Operational Integrity Supplier Cap.

14 4. The Debtors shall only make payment on account of an Operational Integrity Supplier
15 Claim to an Operational Integrity Supplier that agrees to continue to supply goods or services to the
16 Debtors on Customary Trade Terms or such other terms that are individually agreed to by the Debtors
17 and such Operational Integrity Supplier.

18 5. The Debtors shall undertake all appropriate efforts to cause Operational Integrity
19 Suppliers to enter into an agreement (the “**Vendor Agreement**”) with the Debtors, substantially in the
20 form annexed to the Motion as **Exhibit B**.

21 6. The Debtors are authorized, but not required, to enter into Vendor Agreements when the
22 Debtors determine, in the exercise of their reasonable business judgment, that it is appropriate and
23 feasible to do so; *provided, however*, that the Debtors’ inability to enter into a Vendor Agreement shall
24 not preclude them from paying an Operational Integrity Supplier Claim when, in the exercise of their
25 reasonable business judgment, such payment is necessary to the Debtors’ operations.

26 7. If the Debtors, in their discretion, determine that an Operational Integrity Supplier has
27 not complied with the terms and provisions of the Vendor Agreement or has failed to continue to
28 comply with the Customary Trade Terms or such other terms that are individually agreed to by the

1 Debtors and such Operational Integrity Supplier, the Debtors may terminate a Vendor Agreement,
2 together with the other benefits to the Operational Integrity Supplier as contained in this Second Interim
3 Order; *provided, however*, that the Vendor Agreement may be reinstated if (i) such determination is
4 subsequently reversed by the Court for good cause shown after notice and a hearing following a Motion
5 from the Operational Integrity Supplier, (ii) the underlying default of the Vendor Agreement is fully
6 cured by the Operational Integrity Supplier not later than five (5) business days after the Debtors
7 provide notice of such default, or (iii) the Debtors, in their discretion, reach an agreement with the
8 Operational Integrity Supplier.

9 8. If a Vendor Agreement is terminated as set forth above, or if an Operational Integrity
10 Supplier that has received payment of a prepetition claim later refuses to continue to supply goods or
11 services in compliance with the Vendor Agreement or as otherwise agreed with the Debtors, then the
12 Debtors reserve their rights to and may seek approval of this Court to (i) deem any such payment to
13 apply to postpetition amounts payable to such Operational Integrity Supplier, if applicable, or (ii) take
14 any and all appropriate steps to cause such Operational Integrity Supplier to repay payments made to
15 it on account of its Operational Integrity Supplier Claim to the extent that such payments exceed the
16 postpetition amounts then owing to such Operational Integrity Supplier. The Operational Integrity
17 Supplier Claim shall then be reinstated in such an amount so as to restore the Debtors and the
18 Operational Integrity Supplier to their original positions as if the Vendor Agreement had never been
19 entered into and the payment of the Operational Integrity Supplier Claim had not been made.

20 1. The Debtors shall maintain a matrix summarizing (i) the name of each Operational
21 Integrity Supplier paid, (ii) the amount paid to each Operational Integrity Supplier on account of its
22 Operational Integrity Supplier Claim (and any 503(b)(9) Claims), and (iii) the goods or services
23 provided by such Operational Integrity Supplier. This matrix shall be provided on a bi-weekly basis
24 to (i) the Office of the United States Trustee for Region 17; (ii) Milbank LLP, as counsel to the Official
25 Committee of Unsecured Creditors; (iii) Baker & Hostetler LLP, as counsel to the Official Committee
26 of Tort Claimants; (iv) and counsel to any other statutory committees appointed in these Chapter 11
27 Cases; *provided*, that the professionals for any such committee shall keep the matrix confidential and
28 shall not disclose any of the information in the matrix to anyone, including any member of such

committee, without prior written consent of the Debtors.

9. Banks and financial institutions are authorized, but not directed, at the Debtors' request, to receive, process, honor and pay, to the extent of funds on deposit, any and all checks issued or to be issued or electronic funds transfers requested or to be requested by the Debtors relating to the Operational Integrity Supplier Claims.

10. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to issue new postpetition checks or effect new electronic funds transfers on account of the Operational Integrity Supplier Claims to replace any prepetition checks or electronic funds transfer requests that may be lost, dishonored, or rejected as a result of the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases.

11. Nothing contained in this Second Interim Order or in the Motion is intended to be or shall be construed as (a) an admission as to the validity of any claim against the Debtors, (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any appropriate party in interest's rights to dispute any claim, or (c) an approval or assumption of any agreement, contract, program, policy, or lease under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code. Likewise any payment made pursuant to this Second Interim Order is not intended to be and shall not be construed as an admission to the validity of any claim or a waiver of the Debtors' rights to dispute such claim subsequently.

12. Notwithstanding entry of this Second Interim Order, nothing herein shall create, nor is intended to create, any rights in favor of or enhance the status of any claim held by, any party.

13. The requirements for immediate entry of this Second Interim Order pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b) have been satisfied.

14. The requirements of Bankruptcy Rules 4001(d) and 6004(a) are waived.

15. Notwithstanding the provisions of Bankruptcy Rules 4001(a)(2) and 6004(h), this Second Interim Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

16. The Debtors are authorized to take all steps necessary or appropriate to carry out this Second Interim Order.

17. A final hearing to consider the relief requested in the Motion shall be held on March 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. (Prevailing Pacific Time).

1 18. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or
2 related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Second Interim Order.

3 ** END OF ORDER **
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